

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) Method for coating a substrate, comprising the steps of:
  - a) Applying a layer comprising a melamine-formaldehyde resin A to a substrate, whereby a coated substrate is formed;
  - b) Optionally treating the coated substrate with IR- or NIR- radiation;
  - c) Optionally applying an ink, dye solution or pigment dispersion to the coated substrate;
  - d) Optionally applying a layer comprising a melamine-formaldehyde resin B to the coated substrate from step b) or c);
  - e) Placing the coated substrate in a press;
  - f) Optionally heating the coated substrate in the press for a certain amount of time;
  - g) Increasing the pressure in the press and keeping the coated substrate under pressure for a certain amount of time.
2. (original) Method according to claim 1 wherein the layer comprising melamine- formaldehyde resin A and the optional layer comprising melamine- formaldehyde resin B do not comprise a carrier.
3. (currently amended) Method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein melamine- formaldehyde resin A comprises a powderous melamine-formaldehyde resin C and/or a melamine- formaldehyde resin dispersion D.
4. (original) Method according to claim 1, wherein melamine-formaldehyde resin A comprises a melamine-formaldehyde resin dispersion D, whereby said melamine-formaldehyde resin dispersion D comprises a dispersant, said dispersant comprising a styrene-maleic anhydride copolymer.

5. (currently amended) Coated substrate obtainable by the method according to ~~any one of claims 1–4~~ claim 1.

6. (original) Use of the coated substrate according to claim 5 in a post-forming process.

7. (original) Dispersion of liquid or solid melamine-formaldehyde resin particles in a liquid, whereby the dispersion contains a dispersant, characterised in that the said dispersant comprises a styrene maleic anhydride copolymer.